(b) whether it is a fact that total fleet of Aircrafts are inadequate to meet the passenger's demand ;

(c) whether Government propose to improve the number of the Aircrafts, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the private Air Taxi Operators applications for improving their fleet has been rejected; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) In order to ensure orderly growth of air transport sector additional capacity is permitted keeping in view the :—

(i) limitations of airport infrastructure
(ii) limitations of air traffic control facility
(iii) the need to meet the growth of traffic
(iv) the need to connect new stations by air.

Norms for recruitment in NAA

2549. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed any norms for the recruitment in the National Airports Authority;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether they are scrupulously observed;

(d) whether Government have fixed any norms for the advertisement for the recruitment; and

(e) whether Government are going to advertise the same in the local language newspaper ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recruitment to various posts are made on the basis of the Recruitment & Promotion Rules of National Airports Authority.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Vacancies are normally advertised in leading newspapers and Employment News/Rozgar Samachar. However, advertisements are released to local news papers in case recruitments are to be made locally.

Unauthorised restaurant

2550. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an unauthorised restaurant has come up in the premises of National Airports Authority, Mumbai (Vimantal) on the side of the VIP Road ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ;

(c) whether the restaurant was got cleared from the angle of security ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. An authorised canteen has been built in the premises of National Airports Authority's complex.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Because no security threat is perceived from the canteen as it is outside the operational area of the airport.

(e) Does not arise.

Policy Regarding "Three Bhasha Sutri"

2551. Shri SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the policy of the Central Government regarding "Three Bhasha Sutri" is also applicable to National/International airport of Mumbai ;

(b) if so, whetherit is also a fact that on the offices of National Airports Authority are not putting office boards as the dedication of the "Three Bhasha Sutri" ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has brought to notice to the Regional Director in this regard; and

(d) if so, whether some other Institutions also raised this issue before the National Airports Authority, if so, what are the comments of Government ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) As per Government instructions requirement for use of three languages for the sign-boards etc. is applicable to offices located in Region 'C' only. Bombay does not come in this category.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir, All the sign boards at National Airports Authority airport in Bombay are in accordance with the Government policy.

Inland Air Tax

2552. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have approached Government with the suggestion that it may be permitted to retain the inland air tax collected from each passenger ;

(b) what is the annual income from this air travel tax collected from the passengers ;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines have also decided to reduce the cancellation fee on air tickets to a nominal rate ;

(d) what was the earlier fee the passenger had to lose if the ticket was to be cancelled;

(e) what are the other steps Indian Airlines is considering to take to arrange the funds; and

(f) whether Government have agreed to the proposals for retaining the inland air travel tax collected from the passenger ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Annual Inland Air Travel Tax collection for the last three years is as under :—

Year	IATT collected (Rs. in crore)
1991-92	122.32
1992-93	160.50
1993-94	138.79

(c) The slab-wise cancellation charges have been removed by Indian Airlines with effect from 1-8-94 for passengers who cancel their booking upto one hour before the scheduled departure of the flight.

(d) The cancellation rules prior to August 1994 were as under :—

(i) 48 hours or more prior to departure of flights—Rs. 20.00

(ii) Less than 48 hours and upto 24 hours befored eparture of Flights—10% of Basic fare.

(iii) Less than 24 hours and upto one hour —25 % of Basic fare.

(iv) Within one hour of departure of flight —100% of Basic fare.

(e) The following are the main steps taken by Indian Airlines to meet the funds requirement :—

—Stepping up utilization of existing fleet to increase revenue.

—Reduction in expenditure without effecting efficiency/productivity.

—Freezing recruitment.

—Route rationalization.

—Import of ATF under Special Import licence.

—Indian Airlines has revised its domestic rupee fare ranging between 10% to 20% on all sctors effective 25-7-1994.

(f) No final decision has yet been taken by Government.

Irregularities in ITDC

2553. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the "Sunday Mail" of June 5-11, 1994 captioned "ITDC Managers insecure over Security Agency" ;

(b) whether Government have ordered any investigation into the irregularities mentioned therein;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have also received any memorandum of Appeal dated the 18th October, 1994 from All India Parytan Jan Mazdoor Sabha reg : immediate repatriation of Executive Director (Vigilance) ;